

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

HUMAN SOURCES COMMITTEE

HSC-M-038

4 April 1975

Minutes of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting, 31 March 1975

Members or Representatives Present

Acting Chairman	-Lt. Gen. Samuel V. Wilson
CIA	[REDACTED]
State	-Mr. John B. Thro (M)
DIA	[REDACTED]
NSA	[REDACTED]
Army	-Col. Leonard A. Spirito (M)
Navy	-Capt. Donald E. Nielsen (M)
Air Force	-Mr. John J. Porasky (A)
ERDA	-Mr. Robert E. Upchurch (M)

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Others Present

ERDA	-Mr. Maurice Eisenstein
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Air Force	-Lt. Col. Seymour Lenz
CIA	[REDACTED]
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Army	-Mr. Alfred S. Burnett (A)
Navy	-Mr. C. J. Oleniacz (A)
IC Staff	[REDACTED]

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1. The Minutes of the thirty-seventh meeting (HSC-M-037) were approved.

2. A briefing was provided the Committee by members of an ERDA technical team which recently returned from a trip to the Far East and South Asia. Maurice Eisenstein, the Acting Deputy Director, International Security Affairs, ERDA, was the principle briefer, assisted by [REDACTED]

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4. The ERDA team noted a number of problems, and they and Members of the Committee suggested measures that might be taken to improve collection and reporting. Mr. Eisenstein noted that field personnel frequently had difficulty judging the significance and pertinence of information that was or could become available. Many Embassies have no personnel technically trained and knowledgeable on nuclear matters; potential reporters had not been briefed; and adequate briefing and reference materials often are not available locally. Mr. Thro, State, commented that the HSC nth country task team has talked about the desirability of some sort of collection model, perhaps an indicator list telling collectors what kinds of things to watch for at various stages in the country's development of a nuclear capability. Mr. Eisenstein observed that an informal list of this sort was available to a key reporter in one country visited, and that the latter had found it invaluable. He suggested that indicator lists could usefully be sent to other collectors in other places. Additional suggestions discussed very briefly included the provision of better reference and briefing materials to the field; the possible circulation of a newsletter on international nuclear developments; the possibility of an ERDA orientation course for the officials from other agencies who are assigned to "nth countries"; and the desirability of assignment to key countries of ERDA or other technically-trained personnel.

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25X1 5. [] circulated to Members a list of HSC Program Task activities scheduled to be completed in the first several weeks of April. The Chairman commented that reports on the completion of these activities would be taken up at the next HSC meeting, to be scheduled for mid-April. At that meeting, the Committee also would discuss the FOCUS Assessment Report on intelligence 25X1 information reporting [] and the possibilities and problems related to the improvement of human source collection and reporting. He intends that this discussion become a prototype for future Committee FOCUS endeavors. (See HSC-A-039, the Agenda for the next meeting).

6. Also during the meeting, brief status reports were given regarding selected Committee activities. The DCI FOCUS letters [] 25X1 Mr. Thro (State) reported certain problems and urged that each letter underscore the importance of the Ambassador's role as leader of the Mission. Also regarding the HSC FOCUS Project, Chairman Wilson advised that Mr. Colby has asked 25X1 [] asked for and will receive HSC staff assistance in arranging the seminar assessment. (For other information regarding HSC activities, Members are invited to review HSC-C-130, the latest Status of Ongoing/Pending HSC Actions).

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Executive Secretary